

in education in the history of this Nation, 13 percent below last year's level, \$3.3 billion less in education funding.

Do my colleagues know what that means? It means higher taxes in the municipalities that we represent around the country. In my home town, the school budget, they are talking about an increase of 9 cents per 100-dollar assessment. If this level of Federal education cuts continues, the only ones that are going to suffer are the local property taxes or the children in the schools, because the local school boards will have the choice of either cutting the programs, increasing the class size, decreasing the quality of education, or increasing local taxes to pay for it.

This notion that somehow if the Federal Government cuts back that that is something that is not going to have an impact locally, it does have an impact locally. It has an impact in every one of the municipalities that we represent around this country, either taxes are going to go up or the quality of education will decrease.

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE WAR ON DRUGS

(Mrs. CUBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, while President Clinton claims that he is doing everything he can do to fight the war on drugs, I would like to respectfully give some examples refuting that claim.

If President Clinton was doing all he could, he would not have issued the executive order reducing military interdiction efforts including the elimination of 1,000 antidrug positions.

If President Clinton was doing all he could, he would not have cut interdiction funds for the Customs Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration. If he was doing all he could, he would not have shortened minimum mandatory sentences for drug traffickers.

If President Clinton was doing all he could, he would not have disbanded Operation Snow Cap which helps foreign countries with DEA agents in cocaine-producing countries. If he was doing all he could, he would not have dropped the drug issue from the top to the bottom of the 229 priorities of the National Security Council.

Obviously, the President is not doing all that he can do, even though it was his promise when he ran for President.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY DOMESTIC ENERGY INDUSTRY

(Mr. POSHARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, the question this morning is, Do we think it is smart to import over half the oil

which fuels the economy of this Nation? Is it smart not only economically, but militarily, to be that dependent on foreign oil? And is it smart to continue doing that when we have domestic oil producers such as the hundreds of small companies operating in my district and across Illinois, across this Nation, who could help balance the budget with increased domestic production?

I am joining my colleagues in the bipartisan Oil and Gas Forum to ask some of these questions over the next few weeks as we try to focus on a sound energy policy for this Nation which recognize the resources we have here at home, recognizing the importance of jobs created by a healthy domestic energy industry.

We are talking about Main Street America, from Casey to Carmi in my district, from Pennsylvania to California in this country, small businesses employing a dozen or so people who want to do business in an environmentally responsible way to help our economy, not making it more dependent on forces outside our control.

HOW ABOUT UNIFORMS FOR DRUG DEALERS?

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, this week, Bill Clinton will be holding a forum on youth, crime, and drugs. My hometown of Omaha, NE, saw juvenile arrests for major crimes spike by 20 percent last year. In fact, by last year alone juveniles accounted for almost half of all the major crimes. In Omaha, there were 41 killings, 8 more than in 1994. We even lost one of our police officers to this tide of crime.

Unfortunately, President Clinton is AWOL on the war on drugs. He passed a hug-a-thug crime bill with funding for dance lessons for criminals, and then he cut funding for his own drug czar by 84 percent. His top public health official once suggested that we should legalize illicit drugs.

Instead the liberals are focused on another reform: uniforms for students. Mr. Speaker, I think that is a great idea, but I fully support it at the local level, not the Federal Department of Education level.

But I support another uniform as well: orange prison jump suits for those drug dealers and violent felons terrorizing our communities; as my colleagues know, the drug dealers and violent felons that get off on technicalities because of slick criminal trial lawyers. Hopefully, we can come together with this Youth Crime Violence League and we can come up with a bipartisan answer to solve America's problems together.

THE GINGRICH SOLUTION IS WRONG

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Scott Paper lays off 11,000 workers; their top executive gets millions of dollars in stock options. AT&T lays off 40,000 employees; its top management gets huge bonuses. Revco Drugstore in Twinsburg, OH, lays off 1,100 people; 4 of their executives get \$1 million each.

The Newt Gingrich response: Cut education by \$3 billion, cut Medicare by tens of billions of dollars, cut student loans by \$4 billion. Why? Just to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country.

Mr. Speaker, the Gingrich solution is wrong.

CLINTON'S WAR ON DRUGS A FAILURE

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, a month after taking office, President Clinton eliminated 83 percent of the staff at the Office of National Drug Policy. Now, in an apparent campaign year move, the President announced he is doing a complete about-face and will increase staff in that office.

Even though he is 3 years late, I'm glad the President has finally recognized the importance of a strong national drug office. But let us look at what has happened in the years that the President sat on the sidelines and watched the drug world go by.

Drug use among teens has skyrocketed. According to the household survey on drug use, marijuana use by 12- to 17-year-olds has gone from 1.6 million in 1992 to 2.9 million in 1994. The survey also found a 137-percent increase in marijuana use among 12- to 13-year-olds.

Mr. Speaker, actions speak louder than words. President Clinton may be saying a lot now that he is on the campaign trail, but his actions show he has failed in the war on drugs.

STOP PLAYING BUDGET GAMES

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today the House will consider yet another temporary spending bill to fund the Government. While the Republican congressional majority is operating the Government in fits and starts, they have been consistent in the targets of their cuts. Their agenda hurts working families.

Just take a look at education. The bill on the House floor today will cut \$3.1 billion from education. That is a \$1.2 billion cut in training for basic reading and math skills.

How does this help our children to succeed? It does not. It hurts our kids. In my State of Connecticut it means